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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the objective of assuring the provision of adequate health care and human resource development services to all citizens of the State of South Carolina, regardless of income or place of residence, is vital to the economic and social well-being of the State; and

WHEREAS, these objectives encompass the physical, social and mental well-being of all South Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, there are various agencies, bureaus, commissions and departments individually and separately involved in activities in the public and private realm of health and social affairs; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue to provide a comprehensive, coordinated range of human services, on the basis of provider consensus wherever possible; to integrate the many disparate services and activities at the consumer level; to eliminate duplication and, at the same time, to the extent practicable, strengthen and retain the integrity of the individual agencies at the State and Sub-State levels; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these objectives in the manner desired, without the necessity of creating a consolidated Human Resources bureaucracy within State Government, this State will best be served by the creation of a Council, with specific responsibilities and authority.

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the powers conferred upon me by the Constitution and Laws of the State, there is hereby created the SOUTH CAROLINA HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PLANNING COUNCIL to advance the health and well-being of the citizens of South Carolina.

The Council shall serve as the State's Health and Social Development Policy and Planning Agency for the purposes of eliminating duplication, increasing efficiency, and coordinating the myraid of publicly financed planning, programming and research activities in all areas of health and social development. Further, the Council is charged with the responsibility of developing formalized programs to improve the health and well-being of the citizens of the State.

The Council shall lend high-level support to all the efforts in the area of health and social development; give guidance and assistance to the National, State, and Sub-State planning agencies; work with organizations, professional groups, industrial concerns, and others in implementing health and social development policies and programs, consistent with the plans and policies of the Council and to the extent not inconsistent with applicable Federal Laws.

Functions of the Council include, among other things, the achievement of a high degree of public accountability for program results of all projects publicly funded in related areas, and the development of policies to guide the investment of such funds; the supervision of administration of these programs and priority policies; the review of and comment on and/or approval of all State and Sub-State requests and/or applications for State and/or Federal funds relating to health and social development policies and programs in order to eliminate duplications, identify needs or gaps in services, and to recommend allocations of all available resources; receive all local and State plans in the field of health and social services for review, comment and/or approval, to insure effective delivery of needed services at minimum costs; the review for appropriate comment and/or

action of all agency regulations and requirements that implement and/or supplement Federal or State laws, when such regulations and requirements have an effect on the quantity, quality or costs of services and the basis on which they shall be made available to citizens; the coordination of interpretations of Federal health and social development regulations and guidelines; the coordination of responses to or comments on proposed Federal regulation or legislation pertaining to health or social development programs; the promotion and review of health manpower analyses and projections; the promotion of coordination of the licensing and certification of facilities, services and manpower; the development of necessary policies and the initiation of programs to provide, at reasonable cost, health and social services in the public and private sectors, as may be required by Federal or State Statutes or as directed by the Governor; the coordination and supervision of administration of Section 1122 of the Social Security Act and the issuance of related certificates of need by appropriate agency or agencies; the promotion of full cooperation and coordination of all State and Sub-State entities with the designated State Professional Standards Review Organization, which is responsible for developing policies and procedures for quality assurance of health services; the coordination of inter-agency and inter-area efforts for allied services planning and delivery at the consumer level.

The Council may enter into written agreements or contracts with any local, State, or Federal agency, inter-agency council, division or sub-division of any Governmental body, or other organization, to carry out the intent of this Order.

The Council shall be composed of members selected by the Governor at his discretion, for terms as he may specify, except for Representatives of the General Assembly as provided for in State Statute R-972, S-592. A majority of

the Council shall be consumers of health care and/or social services who are not also providers of such care or services. The following State Agencies, organizations, or professions shall have member representation as providers:

- Commission on Aging
- Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse
- Commission for the Blind
- Department of Corrections
- South Carolina Dental Association
- Department of Education
- South Carolina Employment Security Commission
- Division of Health Affairs, University of South Carolina
- Department of Health and Environmental Control
- South Carolina Hospital Association
- Department of Insurance
- South Carolina Medical Association
- Medical University of South Carolina
- Department of Mental Health
- Department of Mental Retardation
- South Carolina Nursing Association
- South Carolina Nursing Home Association
- Department of Social Services
- Department of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Department of Youth Services

Additionally, as providers, in compliance with State Statute R-972, S-592, there shall be on the Council two State Senators and two members of the State House of Representatives.

The Chairman shall be a consumer appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Governor. The Council may elect such other officers as deemed necessary, provided the Vice Chairman is a consumer. The Council shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently, on call of the Chairman. No member may designate an alternate to attend a meeting except by prior written approval of the Governor or the Chairman. Any such alternate will be empowered to, and shall act for the member in Council deliberations. Absence from meetings will be sufficient cause for replacement or non-reappointment.

The Council shall advise the Governor and the General Assembly, on all matters concerning health and social development upon request, or upon its own initiative.

The Council may adopt By-Laws or other rules or procedures not inconsistent with this Executive Order or its intent.

There shall be an Executive Committee composed of a Chairman, who shall be the Chairman of the Council, and sixteen (16) additional members, eight (8) of whom shall be providers and eight (8) of whom shall be consumers, elected by their respective groups, provided that at least one member of the Senate membership and one member of the House of Representatives membership shall be elected from the provider group. Initially, four (4) of each group shall be elected for a term of one year and four (4) members shall be elected for a term of two years; thereafter, all members shall be elected for a term of two years.

The Executive Committee, which shall meet upon call of the Chairman, or upon petition of five (5) members, shall have authority to act for the Council between meetings of the Council. Minutes of all meetings of the Committee shall be distributed to the Council not later than its next meeting.

Except for the Executive Committee as provided above, the Chairman shall appoint Committee Chairmen and Committees. He shall have the authority to act between meetings of the Executive Committee or of the Council, provided that he shall keep or cause to be kept, records of such actions and report them at the next meeting of the Executive Committee or of the Council for approval or modification of any such actions.


The Division of Health and Social Development in the Governor's office is charged with the responsibility of providing staff support to the South Carolina Health and Social Development Policy and Planning Council. The staff shall be responsible directly to the Governor and to the Council through the Chairman. It shall serve as the focal point for research, planning and programming in support of the Council's policies; it shall disseminate Council policies; insure they are understood by interested parties and monitor and evaluate their implementation; and it shall function as the State's central agency in the Cooperative Health Statistics System.

The Council and the Division of Health and Social Development are authorized to receive and disburse Federal, State and other funds made available for its functions, or reallocation.

The Executive Order of January 16, 1973, creating the South Carolina Health Policy and Planning Council and the South Carolina Social Development


Policy Council are hereby rescinded. Henceforth, the South Carolina Health and Social Development Policy and Planning Council will supersede the jurisdictions of the above mentioned Councils created by referenced Executive Orders.

Given under my hand and the Great
Seal of the State of South Carolina,
at Columbia, South Carolina, this
11th day of December,
1974.



John C. West
Governor of South Carolina





O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State